

**Friends of Big Finn Hill Trails
Organizing Committee Meeting**

July 22nd, 2015

7 – 8:30 pm

Kenmore Library

6531 NE 181st Street, Kenmore, WA 98028

MEETING MINUTES

Action Items

Topic	Who
1. By-Laws: Jeanette will detail KC's roll in all meetings, including veto power	Jeanette
2. By-Laws: review Vacancies section	All
3. By-Laws: Mike Dierken will incorporate feedback and resolved issues from the discussion.	All
4. Orchard Restoration project: Jeanette will talk to KC to provide visibility and seek approval to move forward	Jeanette
5. Need note-taker for August meeting	TBD
6. Troy to send out a Doodle for Sept & Oct meeting dates	Troy
7. Who's responsible for finding locations for upcoming meetings?	

Next Meeting

- o August Meeting: Thursday, Aug 20, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Big Finn Hill Park (outside meeting! ☺) - Picnic shelter near the playground
- o September Meeting: TBD
- o October/Annual Meeting: TBD

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance:

- Organizing committee: Janice Gerrish, Bob Gerrish, Joe Przychodzen, Jeanette Leach, Troy Kasper, Gary Johnson, Nicholas Rhodes, Mike Dierken, Bill Blanchard
- King County Parks: Frana Milan
- Community: Jill Bartlett, Don Clark, George Meredith
- Facilitator: Joe Przychodzen
- Meeting Notes: Nicholas Rhodes

2. Meeting business

- A quorum was established.
- Meeting minutes
 - o June: approved
- Park Updates
 - o KC Backcountry Trail Crew Update - Frana
 - Brushing work pending
 - Unsure if KCTC to BFH in August.
 - Are there any projects if they are able to return?

- Unapproved jumps near W26
 - Removed as of July 21st
 - It is not known if these jump builders are the same folks that were building jumps in Juanita Woodlands. Troy has been in contact with those folks about JW jumps, but before these were discovered.
- The house fire adjacent to BFH park was started by a motorcycle trickle charger.

3. Organizing Committee Operations

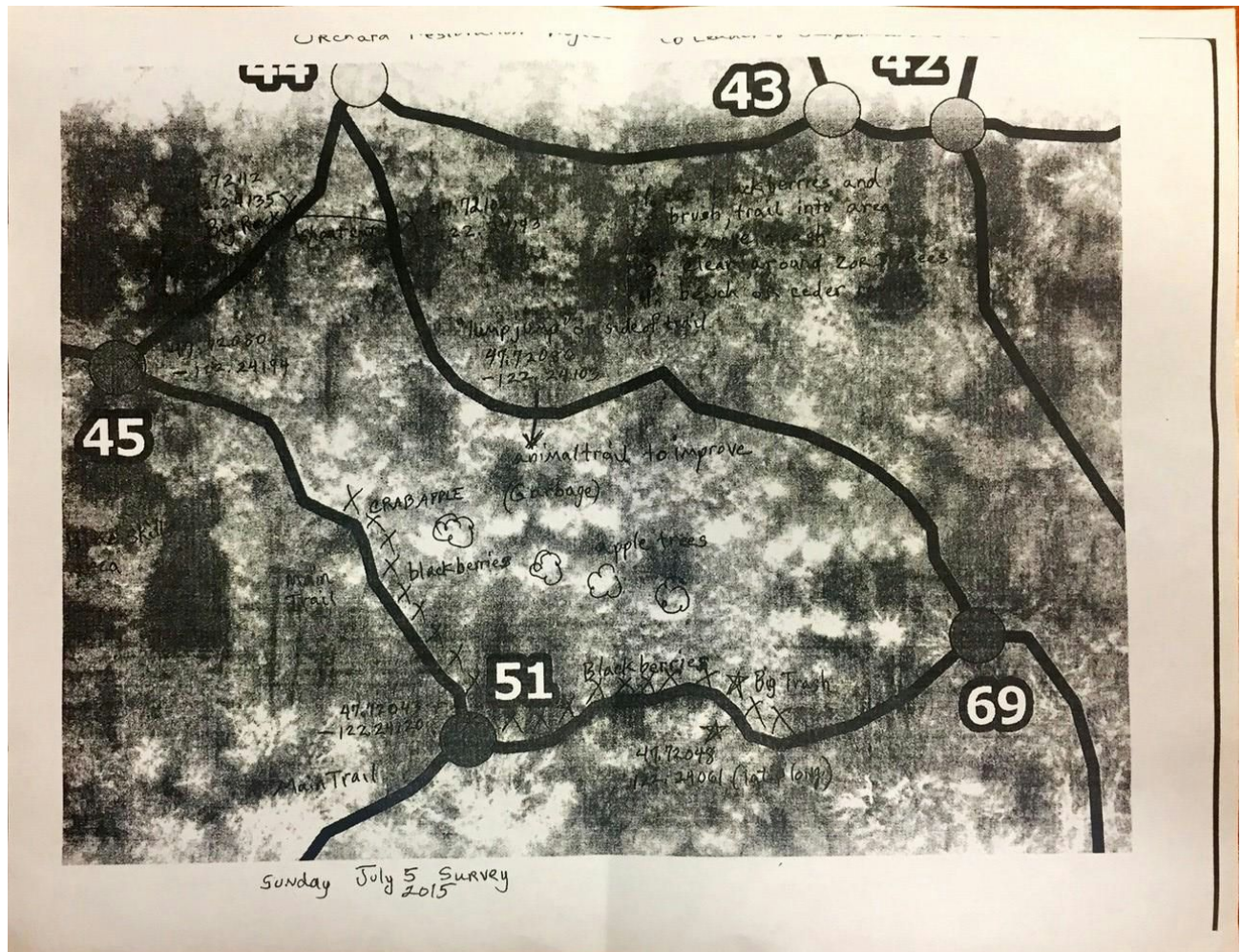
- By-Laws – Mike Dierken. Mike led the group through the resolution of open items in the Google document comments. Remaining open question and action items:
 - Open Question: What is KC's role in all meetings?
 - Action item: Jeanette will detail KC's role in all meetings, including veto power
 - Action item for all: review Vacancies section
 - Action item: Mike Dierken will incorporate feedback and resolved issues from the discussion.

4. Trail Project Planning and Implementation

- Trail Markers project update – Jeanette
 - Day with Microsoft volunteers was a successful project so far over all
 - 46 of 47 installed, one missing
 - Prep work done ahead was very valuable
 - Feedback has been more positive than negative
 - Some vandalism and stolen signs already, approx. 10 at the time of this meeting
 - Some numbers not adhering to posts
 - Liquid nails was used to adhere number to post, not sticking in some cases
 - Recommendation was to use wood glue and screws in the future with West signs, and to fix East's signs as well
 - Could numbers be carved into posts in the future?
 - Staging sign posts is a good idea, as carrying to locations on the day of is difficult. Can KC help with this with a gator for West?
 - Comments were made by some about the obtrusiveness of posts themselves and the number of posts as well.
 - Could KC reconsider signs on trees instead of posts? We will revisit this question with KC-Mike next month.
 - Please come with additional ideas
 - Will the park map be updated to include sign numbers?
 - Loss of the current map that includes other area parks would be unfortunate as a number of user groups use multiple parks within a single visit.
- Eagle Scout project – Mark - not present, Troy - as proxy
 - What is the timeline for next steps?

- o Dirt and water are needed, building it tough in an extremely dry summer
- o Comments were made that Grant hasn't followed through with good communication about status and next steps. Coaching should be provided in this area, but not hand holding. True leadership would promote and communicate more than has happened.
- o Orchard Restoration project – Jeanette & Janice
 - o Proposal sketched on map was distributed (pasted below). Text from map:
 1. Cut blackberries and brush, trail into area
 2. Remove trash
 3. Clear around 2 or 3 trees
 4. Bench or cedar <unreadable word>
 - o Remove invasives, trash (some trash is quite large, such as appliances from old homesteads)
 - o Introduce grass and other flora that doesn't threaten apple trees
 - o Concern was express that this might become a place for kids to party. Solution proposed (if this comes true): engage and involve individuals, and generally address in a positive way.
 - o Neighbors like the blackberries, so these should not be removed.
 - o What is the timeline?
 - o Next step: will need KC's sign off. [Action Item: Jeanette will talk to KC to provide visibility and seek approval to move forward](#)

General comment on new trails (i.e. Hall Pass) from Frana: Mike may need to help obtain clearing and grading permit. This is more easily done for a group of projects, rather than one at a time for separate projects.



5. Next Meetings

- o August Meeting: Confirmed for Thurs, August 20th (at the picnic shelter near the playground in Big Finn Hill Park)
- o Troy as facilitator; **Action item: identify note taker**
- o September Meeting: Date and location - TBD
- o October/Annual Meeting: Date and location – TBD
- o **Troy will send out a Doodle for Sept & Oct meeting dates**
- o **Who's responsible for finding locations for upcoming meetings?**